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Strike threat by village officers of Manamadurai.

* 398 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government and the Board of Revenue received telegrams from 103 village officers of Manamadurai informing their intention of striking work, and requesting them to post a suitable officer in the place of Sri K. Vaidyanathan, in May 1954;

(*b*) whether the said village officers actually struck work from 17th May 1954;

(*c*) whether the Government enquired into the matter;

(*d*) the immediate reason for the strike;

(*e*) whether Sri K. Vaidyanathan was responsible for the strike; and

(*f*) whether any action was taken against the officers responsible for the strike?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" (*a*) Telegrams were received by the Government and the Board on 17th May 1954 from the village officers of Manamadurai alleging discourteous treatment by the Jamabandi officer and intimating their intention to go on strike.

" (*b*) No.

" (*c*) Yes.

" (*d*) The immediate reason for the intended strike was probably the fear of disciplinary action following the bad delays and serious defects noticed during the Jamabandi.

" (*e*) No.

" (*f*) Does not arise."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR:—" Has this strike anything to do with what is usually known as 'Jamabandi Mamools'?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" There was no strike, Sir. It fissled out."

Opening of a high school in Avalurpet village, Gingee taluk, South Arcot district.

* 399 *Q.*—SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR (on behalf of Sri V. Gopala Gounder): Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation has been received from the residents of Avalurpet village, Gingee taluk, South Arcot district, for opening a high school in the village; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The representation was transferred to the Special Officer, South Arcot District Board, for consideration."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" As it is very difficult to contribute Rs. 50,000 according to the latest Government Order, will the Government come forward to find some solution to open a high school at Avalurpet in Gingee taluk as there is only one high school in the whole of Ginjee taluk? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" If the people are not able to contribute, it is only the district board which should come forward to open this high school. The Government themselves cannot come forward to open high schools."

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR :—" கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் பதில் சொல்லும்போது அவலூர்பேட்டை கிராமத்திலுள்ள மக்களின் மகஜரை, தென் ஆர்க்காடு ஜில்லா போர்ட்டு ஸ்பெஷல் ஆபீசருக்கு அனுப்பியதாகச் சொன்னார்கள். ஆனால் அங்கிருந்து எந்தவிதமான பதிலும் வரவில்லை என்று தெரிகிறது. ஜில்லா போாடு தலைவர் உடனடியாக இந்த விஷயத்தில் நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கவேண்டுமென்று சர்க்கார் உத்திர விடுவார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Now that the District Board President has been elected, I am sure he will attend to this matter, Sir."

SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM :—" இம்மாதிரியான உயர்நிலைப்பள்ளிகளுக்கு 50 ஆயிரம் ரூபாய் எண்டோமெண்ட் கேட்டு வந்திருக்கிறார்கள். இதைத் தருவதற்குச் சர்க்கார் ஏற்பாடு செய்யுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, these endowments are insisted upon so that there might be some stability for these institutions. Otherwise, they are run for a few years and then closed. This creates difficulties for the students. So to give stability to these institutions we are insisting upon this. But we are relaxing these rules and permitting them to build up these endowments in a period of years."

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR :—" இந்த உயர்நிலைப் பள்ளியைத் திறப்பதற்கு ஏற்படுத்தப்போகும் என்டோமெண்ட் திட்டத்திற்காக பொது மக்கள் எவ்வளவு தொகை செலுத்தவேண்டும் ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" A separate question may be put, Sir."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" Sir, the District Board President demands Rs. 50,000 as contribution from the public and the public finds it difficult to contribute this amount, particularly in Gingee taluk which is backward educationally and in other respects. Therefore, will the Government give special consideration and give the grant of Rs. 50,000 which the public are not able to give? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am under the impression, Sir, that the hon. Member is in a better position to negotiate with the district board at present than myself."

Tuberculosis Specialist for the General Hospital, Pudukkottai.

* 400 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) why no Tuberculosis Expert has been appointed to the Tuberculosis section of the General Hospital, Pudukkottai in Tiruchirappalli district; and

(*b*) whether this section had any such expert before the merger of the State?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) After the merger of the Pudukkottai State in the Indian Union the Tuberculosis Specialist proceeded on long leave from 5th January 1951 and finally retired on 4th November 1952. Thereafter no specialist has been appointed for want of qualified hands.

" (*b*) There was no separate post of Tuberculosis Specialist sanctioned for this hospital before the merger of the State."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, if the Government are not very serious about appointing an expert what is the earthly use of having separate sections and calling it a T.B. Section? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, at present there are only six beds for T.B. patients. There is now a proposal under consideration for constructing two wards of 18 beds each. When this work is completed, steps will be taken to appoint an Assistant Surgeon with the necessary qualifications and experience."

Grant of agricultural loans in Malabar.

* 401 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the amount of agricultural loans distributed in the taluks of Kottayam, Chirakkal, Wynaad and Kurumbranad in Malabar district during the period 1st May to 1st October 1954?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The amounts of agricultural loans distributed during the period, 1st May 1954 to 1st October 1954, in the four taluks of the Malabar district mentioned are given below :—

	RS.
Kottayam	26,530
Chirakkal	30,925
Wynaad	6,570
Kurumbranad	18,790."